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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 28, 2000

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted prior to the Rule 53(b) Continuation Application filed on even date.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert before the first line of the specification the following:

-- This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/389,455, filed September 3, 1999. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add new claims 11-13 as follows:

-- 11. A layer-coded data transmitting apparatus for transmitting layer-coded data in a single channel, comprising:

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